

I call upon all the loyal citizens engaged in production for defense to give precedence to the needs of the nation to the end that a system of government that makes private enterprise possible may survive.

I call upon all our loyal workmen as well as employers to merge their lesser differences in the larger effort to insure the survival of the only kind of government which recognizes the rights of labor or of capital.

I call upon loyal state and local leaders and officials to cooperate with the civilian defense agencies of the United States to assure our internal security against foreign directed subversion and to put every community in order for maximum productive effort and minimum of waste and unnecessary frictions.

I call upon all loyal citizens to place the nation's first in mind and in action to the end that we may mobilize and be ready for instant defensive use all of the physical powers, all the moral strength and all of the material resources of this country.

WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington this twenty-seventh day

of May, in the year of our Lord  
nineteen hundred and  
forty-one, and of the  
Independence of the  
United States of  
America the one  
hundred and sixty-fifth.

By the President:

*Cordeell Hull*  
Secretary of State

*Franklin D. Roosevelt*

### **Fight For Freedom — World War II**

Proclamation of an Unlimited National Emergency (May 27, 1941)

The original official proclamation signed by Franklin D. Roosevelt.

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